educational system". Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited, in schools run by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Central Tibetan School Administration, which are under this Ministry.

Compulsory assessment of colleges and universities

2192. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a legislation to make assessment compulsory for colleges and universities so that they do not skip quality assessment of teachers, students, infrastructure and general academic environment;

(b) if so, by when a final decision for introducing the legislation is likely to be taken; and

(c) to what extent it would be beneficial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Scholarships to backward communities

2193. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started new scholarships for SCs/STs/OBCs/ minorities in the country, especially in Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken care that the scholarship is provided to the needy; and

(d) if so, the criteria adopted for checking it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVEOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs have introduced new Central Sector Scholarship Schemes of Top Class Education for SC and ST students respectively from the academic year 2007-08 with the objective of encouraging meritorious SC and ST students for pursuing degree and post degree courses in identified institutions. The total family income of the student to be eligible for the scholarship from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.00 lakhs per annum. The Scholarship covers full tuition fees and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government/Government funded institutions. However, there is ceiling of Rs.2 lakhs per annum per beneficiary studying in identified private sector institutions and Rs.3.72 lakhs per annum per beneficiary undergoing training in identified private sector flying clubs for commercial pilot training on tuition fees and other non-refundable dues. Up to Rs.2200/- per month for living expenses (based on actuals), Rs.3000/- per annum for books and stationery and Rs.45,000/-

as a 'one-time' assistance for computer and accessories is also given to each SC/ ST student beneficiary under the above scheme. These schemes are not State-specific.

A merit-cum-means scholarship for students belonging to the minority communities for technical and professional courses at undergraduate and post-graduate level has been launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs from 2007-08, for the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. Every year 20,000 students from the minority communities, whose family's annual income do not exceed Rs.2.50 lakhs and have obtained not less than 50% marks, are eligible for the scholarship.

Sanctioning authority for aid to technical institutes

2194. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the powers to sanction aid by Government to different technical institutes has been transferred to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned by the AICTE during the last one year to the institutes in the rural and urban areas, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been operating 19 schemes under Plan and Non-plan. From the year 2006-07, one more scheme, namely, National Institutes of Technology (NITs) has been given to AICTE for release of grants.

The details of grants under Plan and Non-plan for the year 2006-07 are given as under:–

Sl. No.	Scheme	Non-Plan	Plan
1	2	3	4
1.	National Technical Manpower Information System	19822000.00	-
2.	Quality Improvement Programme	82929719.00	-
3.	Career Award	-	14158795.00
4.	Entrepreneurship Management Developnent	-	16200000.00
5.	Emeritus Fellowship	-	4175972.00
6.	Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC)	-	19350000.00
7.	Modernization and Removal of Obsolescence (MODROBS)	-	70786000.00